(e) if so, the details thereof in this respect and what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Review of the Export Import Policy is a continuous process and changes are made as & when considered necessary in public interest.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

EPZ in Punjab

1906. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Export Promotion Zone in the State of Punjab inspite of major exports earning from the State ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what effective steps Government propose to take to set up Export Promotion Zone in Punjab for the economic growth of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Presently, there are seven Export Processing Zones in the country at Bombay (Maharashtra), Kandla (Gujarat), Cochin (Kerala), Madras (Tamil Nadu), Falta (West Bengal) Noida (Uttar Pradesh) and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh). Keeping in view the availability of funds and the need to optimise infrastructural facilities in the existing Zones, it would not be possible, at present, for the Central Government to consider developing new zones in the country.

Budgetary Support for Fertilizers and Fertilizer Industry under AMS

1907. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that much of the budgetary support for fertilizers is to be ascribed to the fertilizer industry and not to the farmers according to the Non-product specific Aggregate Measurement of Support (A.M.S.) as submitted by Government in the the Uruguay Round Draft Final Act ;

(b) what is the total budgetary support ascribed to the fertilizer industry ; and

(c) what are the reasons for such support ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) During the reference period 1986—88, the average total annual budgetary support on account of fertilizers was Rs. 2,421 crores. It has been calculated that of this sum, the average annual budgetary support attributable to farmers was Rs. 1,021 crores and the remainder could be ascribed as support to industry to make it viable.

Withholding Payment of CCS by DGFT

1908. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Director General Foreign Trade (DGFT) offices at Bombay and Cochin have been withholding payment of Cash Compensatory Support as were available before 2nd July, 1991 to some exporters ;

(b) whether Government have received representations in this regard ;

(c) whether some of the exporters are not being released CCS amount due to objections of audit authorities ;

(d) whether Government have not issued appropriate clarification to the auditors ; and

(e) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (e) All exporters who have effected physical export of goods upto 2-7-1991, and are eligible for CCS are being paid by the Offices of Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Bombay and Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Cochin.